

Thurs: Read 8.1Maxwell's equations in matter

Whenever all source charges and currents are known, then the fields that they produce are described by Maxwell's equations.

Source currents and charges produce electric and magnetic fields that satisfy:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0$$

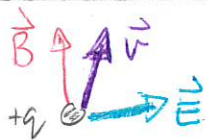
$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

where  $\rho(\vec{r}, t)$  and  $\vec{J}(\vec{r}, t)$  are the source charge density and source current densities respectively

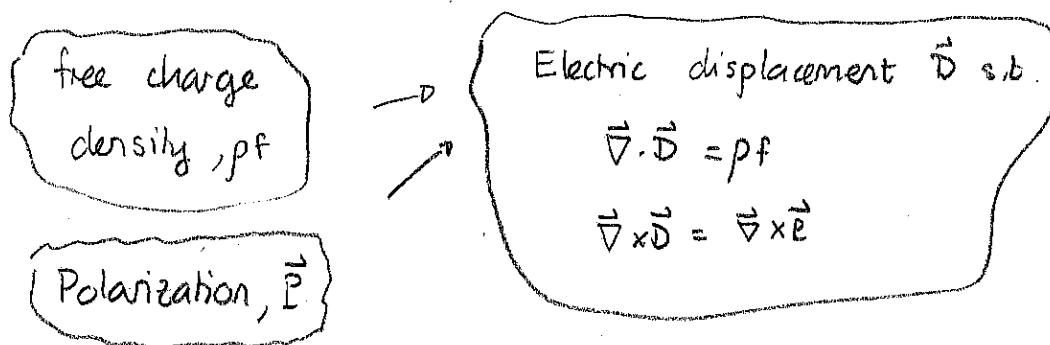
We then just need to solve the associated differential equations to obtain the electric and magnetic fields. Given these fields the force exerted on any test charge is given by the Lorentz Force Law.



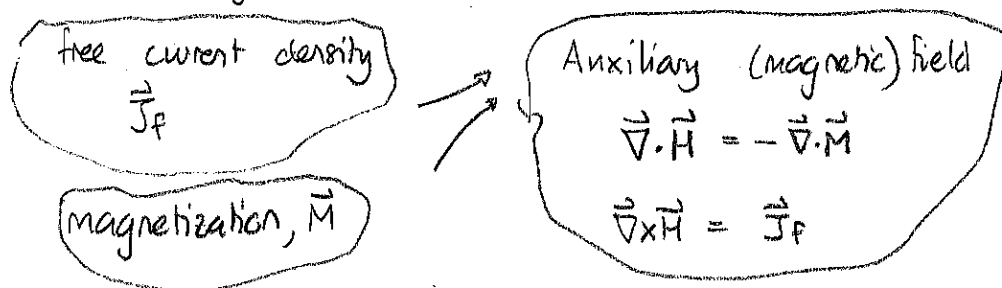
The force on a charge particle with charge  $q$  and velocity  $\vec{v}$  is

$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

In the presence of matter which produces bound charge and current distributions we can modify these so that they only refer to free source charges and currents. We have already seen that in electrostatic situations:



Then in magnetostatic situations:



These are connected to electric and magnetic fields by:

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$$

$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{B} - \vec{M}$$

We now rework Maxwell's equations for time-varying fields. The original equations referred to the overall charge + current densities. The modifications referred to static bound charge + current densities. What would the equivalent time varying bound current density be?

Consider a time-varying polarization, for example,  $\vec{P} = x t \hat{x}$ . Then the bound volume charge density is:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_b &= -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} \\ &= -\frac{\partial P_x}{\partial x} - \cancel{\frac{\partial P_y}{\partial y}} - \cancel{\frac{\partial P_z}{\partial z}} \\ &= -x t\end{aligned}$$

This varies with time and an illustration suggests a bound current density as illustrated.

More precisely

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{M}$$

and

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{M} = \vec{J}_b$$

give:

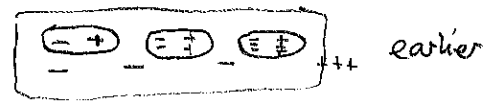
$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} - \vec{J}_b + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

Then  $\vec{J} = \vec{J}_b + \vec{J}_f$  gives:

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} - \vec{J}_b + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

But  $\vec{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\vec{D} - \vec{P})$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial t}$$



← negative charge has flowed this way

← current.

Thus

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} - \vec{J}_b + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial t}$$

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→ additional bound current source.

Thus we define:

The polarization current is

$$\vec{J}_p := \frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial t}$$

Then:

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} - \vec{J}_b - \vec{J}_p + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$

Then  $\vec{J} = \vec{J}_f + \vec{J}_b + \vec{J}_p$  gives:

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_f + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$

This is the version of Maxwell's equation that only refers to  $\vec{D}, \vec{H}$  and the free current. Thus we get the Maxwell equations in matter

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

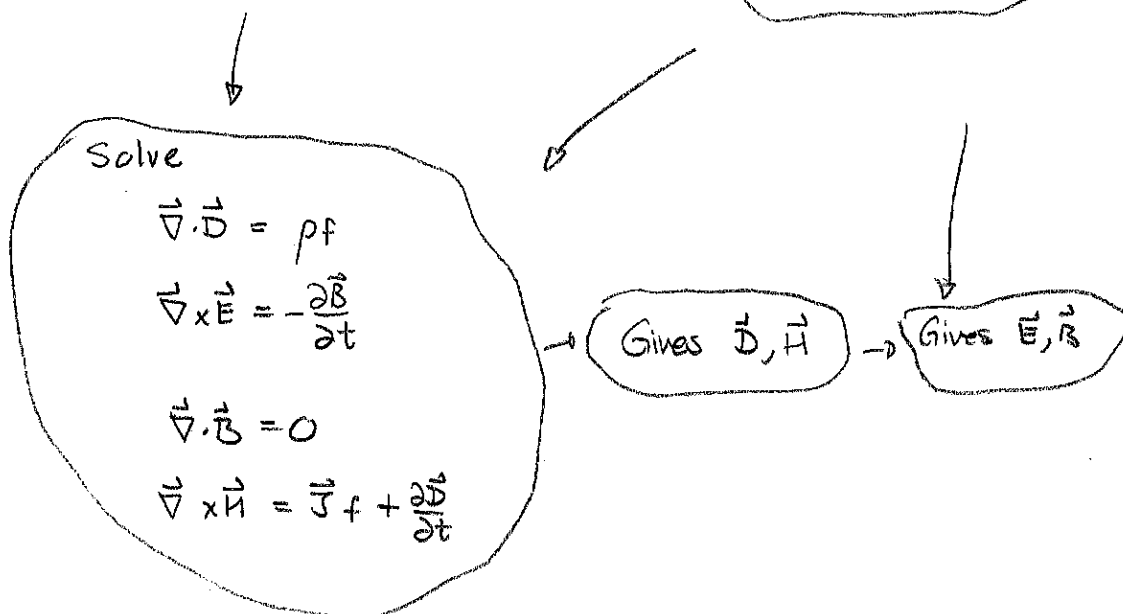
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_f + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$

So now:

Known free charge density  $\rho_f$   
" " current "  $\vec{J}_f$

Relations between  
\*  $\vec{D}$  and  $\vec{E}$   
\*  $\vec{H}$  and  $\vec{B}$



For linear homogeneous media

$$\vec{E} = \vec{D}/\epsilon$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$$

give:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} &= \rho_f \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{D} &= -\epsilon \mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{H} &= 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} &= \vec{J}_f + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}\end{aligned}$$

These can be solved for  $\vec{D}$ ,  $\vec{H}$ .

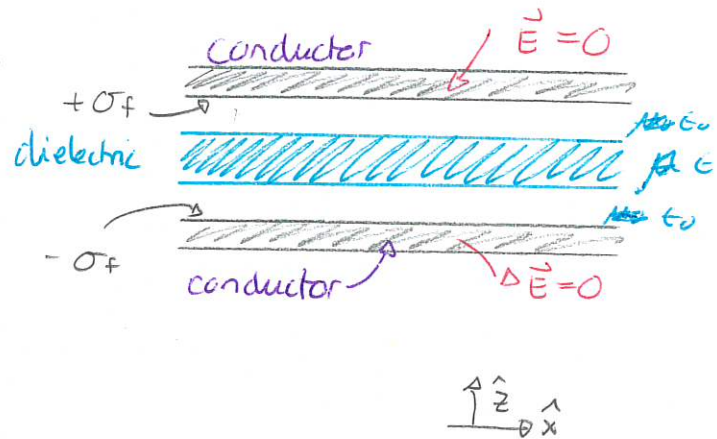
## Boundary Conditions

We have often seen that there can be jumps in fields across boundaries. Consider electrostatic situations such as a parallel plate capacitor whose gap is contains a linear dielectric.

We know that

- 1) inside the conductor plates

$$\vec{D} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{E} = 0$$



- 2) the free charge only resides on the "inner" surfaces of the conductors,

- 3) between the plates

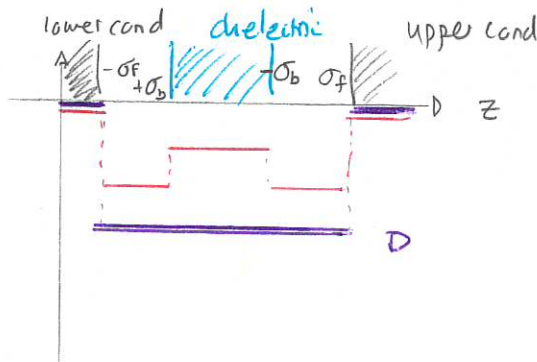
$$\vec{D} = -\sigma_f \hat{z}$$

- 4) between the plates:

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{\sigma_f}{\epsilon_0} \hat{z} \quad \text{outside the dielectric}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{\sigma_f}{\epsilon} \hat{z} \quad \text{inside " " "}$$

Plots would reveal discontinuities. There is a jump everytime that a new sheet of surface charge is encountered:

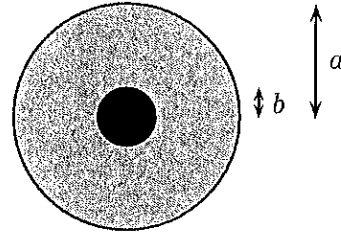


- 1) sheet of free charge  
 $\Rightarrow$  jump in  $\vec{D}$ , jump in  $\vec{E}$

- 2) sheet of bound charge  
 $\Rightarrow$  jump in  $\vec{E}$

# 1 Boundary conditions for electric displacement and fields

An infinite conducting cylindrical shell of radius  $a$  is concentric with an infinite conducting rod of radius  $b < a$ . The region between the conductors is filled with a linear dielectric with constant  $\epsilon$ . Suppose that the surface charge density on the inner conductor is uniform and  $\sigma_f > 0$ .



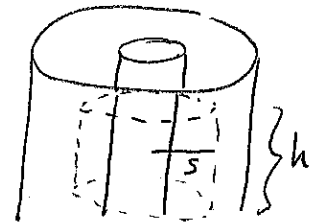
- Determine the electric displacement and electric field, in terms of  $\sigma_f$ , for all  $S < a$ .
- Determine an expression for the change in the perpendicular component of the electric displacement across the inner boundary ( $s = b$ ).
- Determine an expression for the change in the tangential component of the electric displacement across the inner boundary.
- Determine an expression for the change in the perpendicular component of the electric field across the inner boundary in terms of the free charge density on that surface.
- Determine an expression for the change in the tangential component of the electric field across the inner boundary.
- Determine an expression for the bound surface charge on the inner surface of the dielectric in terms of the free charge density on the neighboring conductor. Determine the total charge density at the inner interface.
- Determine an expression for the change in the perpendicular component of the electric field across the inner boundary in terms of the total charge density at the inner interface.

Answer: a) By symmetry  $\vec{D} = D_s(s')\hat{s}$ . We use

$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = q_{\text{free enc}}$$

The surface is a cylinder. On sides.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} s' = s \\ 0 \leq z' \leq h \\ 0 \leq \phi' \leq 2\pi \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} d\vec{a} = s' d\phi' dz' \hat{s} \\ = s d\phi' dz' \hat{s} \end{array}$$



Then  $\vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = D_s(s) s d\phi' dz'$  on sides. On top  $\vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$

$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = q_{\text{free enc}} = \sigma_f h 2\pi b$$

$$D_s(s) s \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' \int_0^h dz' = D_s(s) s 2\pi h = 2\pi h b \sigma_f \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{D} = \sigma_f \frac{b}{s} \hat{s}}$$

Now, inside the conductor  $\vec{D} = 0$ . Thus

$$\vec{D} = \begin{cases} 0 & s < b \\ \sigma_f \frac{b}{s} \hat{s} & a < s < b \end{cases}$$

Then inside the conductor  $\vec{E} = 0$ . Outside

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \vec{D} = \frac{\sigma_f}{\epsilon} \frac{b}{s} \hat{s}$$

Thus

$$\vec{E} = \begin{cases} 0 & s < b \\ \frac{\sigma_f}{\epsilon} \frac{b}{s} \hat{s} & b < s < a \end{cases}$$

b) The perpendicular component is  $\vec{D} \cdot \hat{s}$ . Then let

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Region 1} &= \text{inside conductor} \\ \text{Region 2} &= \text{outside} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } D_{1\perp} = \vec{D} \cdot \hat{s} = 0$$

$$D_{2\perp} = \vec{D} \cdot \hat{s} = \sigma_f \frac{b}{s} = \sigma_f$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{D_{2\perp} - D_{1\perp} = \sigma_f}$$

c) The tangential components are both zero. So

$$\vec{D}_{2\parallel} = \vec{D}_{1\parallel} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{D}_{2\parallel} = \vec{D}_{1\parallel}}$$



$$d) \quad E_{\perp} = \vec{E} \cdot \hat{S}$$

so inside  $E_{1\perp} = 0$

outside  $E_{2\perp} = \frac{\sigma_f}{\epsilon} \frac{S}{S} \frac{\hat{S} \cdot \hat{S}}{S \cdot S} = \frac{\sigma_f}{\epsilon}$

Thus  $\boxed{\epsilon E_{2\perp} - E_{1\perp} = \sigma_f}$

e) Since  $\vec{E}_{1\parallel} = \vec{E}_{2\parallel} = 0$  we get  $\boxed{\vec{E}_{2\parallel} = \vec{E}_{1\parallel}}$

f) We have  $\sigma_b = \hat{n} \cdot \vec{P}$ , Then  $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{P} = \vec{D} - \epsilon_0 \vec{E}$$

On the inner surface the normal (outward)  
is  $\hat{n} = -\hat{S}$ . Thus



$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_b &= -\hat{S} \cdot \vec{P} = -\hat{S} \cdot \vec{D} + \hat{S} \cdot \epsilon_0 \vec{E} \\ &= -\sigma_f + \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon} \sigma_f = \sigma_f \left( \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon} - 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

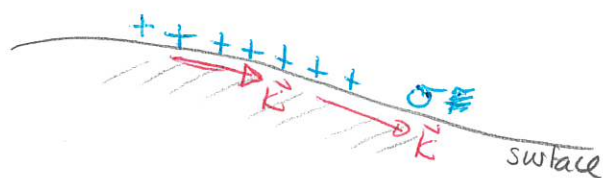
g) The total charge density is  $\sigma = \sigma_b + \sigma_f = \sigma_f \left( \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon} \right)$ . Then:

$$\sigma_f = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \sigma \Rightarrow E_{2\perp} = \frac{\cancel{\epsilon}}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\sigma}{\cancel{\epsilon}} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow \epsilon_0 E_{2\perp} = \sigma$$

Thus  $\boxed{\epsilon_0 E_{2\perp} - E_{1\perp} = \sigma}$

## General boundary conditions

The previous example illustrates how surface charges can be related to discontinuous jumps in fields. There are general results that describe these.



Jump in  $\vec{E}, \vec{D}$  due to  $\sigma$

Such discontinuities involve the

Jump in  $\vec{B}, \vec{H}$  due to  $\vec{K}$ .

perpendicular and tangential components

of the field. Consider a general vector field  $\vec{V}$ . Then consider a

surface with normal vector  $\hat{n}$  point from

region 1 to region 2. Let  $\vec{V}_2$  be the

field immediately above the surface in region 2

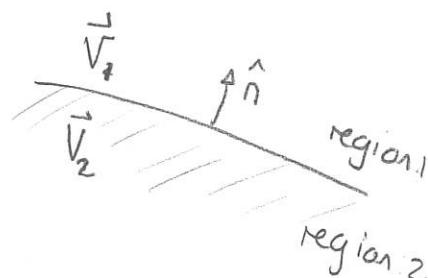
Similarly for  $\vec{V}_1$ . Then the perpendicular

component of  $\vec{V}_2$  is

$$V_{2\perp} = \vec{V}_2 \cdot \hat{n}$$

and the perpendicular component of  $\vec{V}_1$  is

$$V_{1\perp} = \vec{V}_1 \cdot \hat{n}$$



We will establish rules for  $V_{1\perp} - V_{2\perp}$  in various situations.

Separately we will establish rules for the tangential components of any field  $\vec{V}$ . This is:

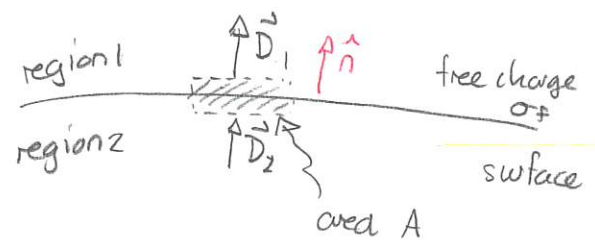
$$\vec{V}_{||} = \vec{V} - \underbrace{(\vec{V} \cdot \hat{n}) \hat{n}}_{\text{perpendicular component}}$$

perpendicular component.

First consider discontinuities in  $\vec{D}$ .

Then for the pillbox

$$\oint \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_{\text{free enc}}$$



$$\int_{\text{side}} \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} + \int_{\text{top}} \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} + \int_{\text{bottom}} \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = \sigma_f A \quad (\text{for infinitesimal area})$$

sides

disappear

$$\Rightarrow \int \vec{D}_1 \cdot \hat{n} da + \int \vec{D}_2 \cdot (-\hat{n}) da = \sigma_f A$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{1\perp} A - D_{2\perp} A = \sigma_f A$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{D_{1\perp} - D_{2\perp} = \sigma_f}$$

In terms of vectors,

Let  $\hat{n}$  be a normal from 2  $\rightarrow$  1. Then

$$(\vec{D}_1 - \vec{D}_2) \cdot \hat{n} = \sigma_f$$

where  $\sigma_f$  is the free surface charge density.

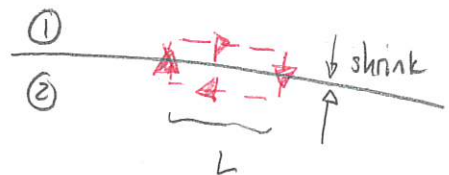
Now consider the tangential component. In this case the electric field discontinuity is more relevant. Here

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \frac{d\vec{B}}{dt}$$

Using the Amperian loop

$$\int \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = - \frac{d}{dt} \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \frac{d}{dt} \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a}$$



If we shrink the loop perpendicular to the surface then

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_{\text{top}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_{\text{bottom}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{E}_1'' - \vec{E}_2'') L \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \vec{E}_1'' = \vec{E}_2''$$

We can do this for any component of  $\vec{E}$  that is parallel to the surface. Then we get

$$\vec{E}_1'' = \vec{E}_2'' \Rightarrow \vec{E}_1'' - \vec{E}_2'' = 0$$

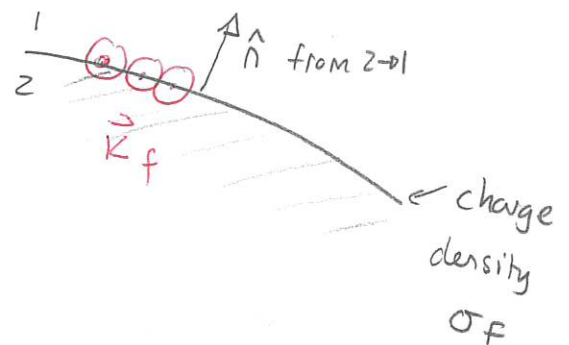
We can reason similarly for  $\vec{H}$  and  $\vec{B}$ . We arrive at:

$$(\vec{D}_1 - \vec{D}_2) \cdot \hat{n} = \sigma_f \Leftrightarrow D_1^\perp - D_2^\perp = \sigma_f$$

$$(\vec{E}_1 - \vec{E}_2) \times \hat{n} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \vec{E}_1'' = \vec{E}_2''$$

$$(\vec{B}_1 - \vec{B}_2) \cdot \hat{n} = 0 \Leftrightarrow B_1^\perp = B_2^\perp$$

$$\hat{n} \times (\vec{H}_1 - \vec{H}_2) = \vec{K}_f \Leftrightarrow \vec{H}_1'' - \vec{H}_2'' = \vec{K}_f \times \hat{n}$$



Proof: For perpendicular components of  $\vec{B}$

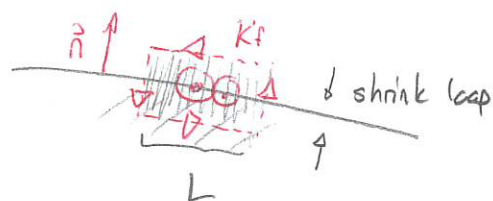
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \oint_{\text{closed surface}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$$

The same reasoning for  $\vec{D}$  gives  $B_1^\perp = B_2^\perp$

For tangential components of  $\vec{H}$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_F + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$

$$\oint_{\text{loop surface}} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{a} = \int_{\text{surface}} \vec{J}_F \cdot d\vec{a} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{loop surface}} \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a}$$



$$\Rightarrow \oint_{\text{loop}} \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_{\text{loop surface}} \vec{K}_F \cdot d\vec{a} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \underbrace{\int \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a}}_{\rightarrow 0}$$

$$\int_{\text{top}} \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} + \int_{\text{bottom}} \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_{\text{loop surface}} \vec{K}_F \cdot d\vec{a}$$

Assume that the loop is perpendicular to  $\vec{K}_F$ . Let  $\hat{k}$  be along  $\vec{K}_F$ . On the top  $d\vec{l} = \hat{k} \times \hat{n} dl \Rightarrow \int_{\text{top}} \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = \vec{H}_1 \cdot (\hat{k} \times \hat{n}) L$

on the bottom  $d\vec{l} = -\hat{k} \times \hat{n} dl \Rightarrow \int_{\text{bottom}} \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\vec{H}_2 \cdot (\hat{k} \times \hat{n}) L$

$$\text{Thus } (\vec{H}_1 - \vec{H}_2) \cdot (\hat{k} \times \hat{n}) = K_F$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{n} \cdot [(\vec{H}_1 - \vec{H}_2) \times \hat{k}] = K_F$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{k} \cdot [(\vec{H}_1 - \vec{H}_2) \times \hat{n}] = K_F = \vec{K}_F \cdot \hat{k}$$

When the loop is parallel to  $\vec{k}$  the l.h.s = 0. Thus we get:

$$\hat{n} \times (\vec{H}_1 - \vec{H}_2) = \vec{k}_f$$

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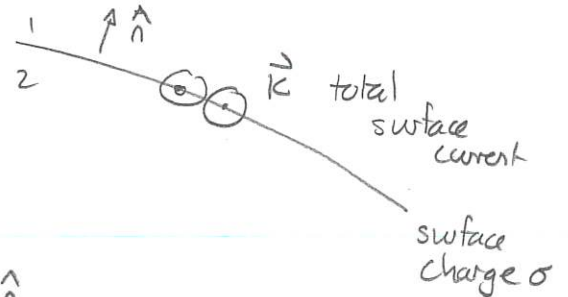
We can use similar arguments for Maxwell's eqns in general.

$$(\vec{E}_1 - \vec{E}_2) \cdot \hat{n} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow E_1^\perp - E_2^\perp = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$(\vec{E}_1 - \vec{E}_2) \times \hat{n} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{E}_1^\parallel = \vec{E}_2^\parallel$$

$$(\vec{B}_1 - \vec{B}_2) \cdot \hat{n} = 0 \Rightarrow B_1^\perp = B_2^\perp$$

$$\hat{n} \times (\vec{B}_1 - \vec{B}_2) = \mu_0 \vec{k} \Rightarrow \vec{B}_1^\parallel - \vec{B}_2^\parallel = \mu_0 \vec{k} \times \hat{n}$$



Examples: Infinite sheet

$$+\sigma \quad \begin{array}{l} \uparrow \uparrow \vec{E}_1 = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{z} \\ \downarrow \downarrow \vec{E}_2 = -\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{z} \end{array}$$

$$\vec{E}_1^\parallel = \vec{E}_2^\parallel = 0$$

$$E_1^\perp - E_2^\perp = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \odot \vec{B}_1 = \frac{\mu_0 K}{2} \hat{x} \\ \otimes \vec{B}_2 = -\frac{\mu_0 K}{2} \hat{x} \end{array}$$

$$B_1^\perp = B_2^\perp = 0$$

$$\vec{B}_1^\parallel - \vec{B}_2^\parallel = \mu_0 K \hat{x} = \mu_0 \vec{k}$$

For potentials similar reasoning gives:

$$V_1 = V_2$$

$$(\vec{\nabla} V_1 - \vec{\nabla} V_2) \cdot \hat{n} = -\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$(\vec{\nabla} V_1 - \vec{\nabla} V_2) \times \hat{n} = 0$$

$$\vec{A}_1 = \vec{A}_2$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{A}_1}{\partial n} - \frac{\partial \vec{A}_2}{\partial n} = -\mu_0 \vec{k}$$